

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
OCTOBER 23, 2018

THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Donald O. Burnette at 5:30 p.m.

OPENING

Silent Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call	Present:	Councilman Bob Ford Councilman Chase Tramont Councilman Drew Bastian Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner Mayor Donald Burnette
	Also Present:	Assistant City Clerk Shelby Field City Clerk Robin Fenwick City Attorney Margaret Roberts City Manager Jake Johansson

Mayor Burnette asked Mr. Johansson to update them on the water break and the flooded home on Spruce View. Mr. Johansson provided an update as to the insurance claims and the family being out of a home. Staff has mitigated the mold and water at the home. He has issued an emergency purchase order to cover the costs of the repairs. Ratification of the emergency repairs will be brought to Council on November 13, 2018. The home is currently being dried out. It may take two months for them to get back in their home. Council agreed the City should do the right thing and help the family.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. - Change Order No 2 to the Standard Contract for Services

Motion to approve as presented was made by Councilman Drew Bastian and Seconded by Councilman Chase Tramont.

Mr. Johansson advised this extension is to allow additional time and is being requested by the City. Direction is being requested later during this meeting. Mr. Johansson wasn't comfortable moving forward without Council direction.

Motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner voting no.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Grants Update

Amanda Lasecki, Grants Manager, provided an update on the current and closed grants for FY2018, as well as the projects to be completed with the grant money. She also discussed the FY2019 grants in progress. Council thanked Ms. Lasecki and supports shovel ready projects.

6. Stormwater Methodology Update

Isla Barnes, Stantec Consulting, discussed their background and the scope of their contract, as well as revenue requirements, impervious area analysis, fee development and surveys. She asked Council to consider a change in the ERU definition based on County appraiser data, a 4-tiered fee for SFR, an annual inflationary fee increase, and impervious area calculation changes. She discussed the next steps with Council. Council is not agreeable to the 4 tiers as presented and would like to see a phased in approach. Mr. Johansson said the numbers can be leveled out more so the smaller homes and trailers are paying their fair share and not paying the same as larger homes with larger impervious areas.

Tracey Riehm, Finance Director, discussed the need for consistency and how the fees and data have been collected in the past.

Council discussed the tiered methodology further and wants to be equitable.

Katherine Grady, Sweetwater Blvd, would be interested in hearing more about a base rate with surcharges. She would like to see a rate that is lower for widows, as she has had to live off one income since her husband passed.

Sarah Jones, Woodfield Drive, supports the methodology of paying your fair share.

7. Tree Ordinance Summary

Tim Burman, Community Development Director, discussed the recommendation from the Environmental Advisory Board relating to changes in the tree ordinance. If Council is in agreement, he will bring them back as code changes. Council agreed to move forward with the changes as long as Community Development is in agreement and has flushed out the consequences. They do not want to take money from the wellfields.

John Macaluso, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Board, thanked Staff and the Board for their work. He believes the recommendations are good ones.

Derek LaMontagne, Board Member, mentioned a few additional items he believes were discussed by the Board, including a new classification for private protected trees outside of buffers as well. He would like something included to discourage burning.

Ms. Jones would like to see the PowerPoints and additional materials added to the agenda packets, minutes, or some other way to provide them to the public.

8. Update on the St. Johns River to Sea (SJR2C) Loop Trail

Mr. Burman updated Council on the loop trail being built. The trail was going along Halifax Drive and the river; however, after public comments and further review, an alternate route option was discussed. Council agreed with the alternate route to keep it closer to the river.

9. LED Street Light Update


Ms. Stevens discussed the plan for changing to LED street lights in the city. This will include only City streets. FPL owns the light and the City pays for the costs already. There will be no change in the costs the City pays to FPL currently. Larry Volenec, FPL, thanked Staff for their work relating to this project.

10. Discussion Regarding Resolution Electing to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments

Alan Rosen, Assistant City Manager, discussed Amendment 1 and a fire service fee option to cover the reduction if Amendment #1 passes in the November 2018 elections. He asked Council to agree to preserve this method of collection, so staff can move forward with the process. Council agreed to keep the options open but want to ensure the fee would be revenue neutral with the tax reduction.


Mr. Johansson advised Council of the Fire Staff that has gone to the Panhandle to help with the clean-up efforts after Hurricane Michael. Carol Russell, Florida City/County Management Association, asked for other assistance such as Building Inspectors, clerical help, etc. He will provide a list of what we can provide to help and what the impact to our organization will be.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:42 p.m.



Mayor Donald O. Burnette

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, CMC
City Clerk